

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

June 2019

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of June 2019 were:

Member no. 78 who won 1st prize of £19.25
Member no. 39, who won 2nd prize of £11.55 and
Member no. 104, who won 3rd prize of £7.70

£38.50 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Tues. 25th June 11.00am Acol Parish Council Meeting.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

PCSO

Please note that Debbie Forsyth will be combining her police surgeries for the villages, which will in future be held at 12.15 on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Monkton Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about hall availability.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening, Acol Horticultural Society meeting.

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesdays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

First Wednesday, 4.45-5.45pm PCSO Debbie Forsyth (work permitting)

Alternate Wednesday evenings, Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** www.acolartgroup.org/

Fridays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

Saturdays (monthly), 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters

(Check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for information)

EVENTS COMING UP

Tue 25th June, 11am, Acol Parish Council Meeting.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) Garden (Green) &
waste food

10th June

24th June

8th July

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

17th June

1st July

If you have problems putting your bins out ring TDC, **577115**, or queries to **577727**.

CCTV CAMERAS

If you experience any traffic incident in The Street, please report to 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please ring Iris Osborne on 840901 to register for updates on local incidents.

KENT POLICE

The dedicated phone number for the East Division Rural Team: **07980 978202**.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

Village events and notices are on [facebook.com.acol.village](https://facebook.com/acol.village).

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Acol PC website: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/

You can ring Parish Council, 844706, Mondays 9am-5pm, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243. Please ring if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

Please accept our apologies for the need to change the date of the Annual meetings. Our next meeting will include some of the missing items and will be held at **11am on Tuesday 25th June**

Sheila Bransfield

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Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 22nd June I am taking part in the **Pilgrims Way Challenge** to raise money for the **Pilgrims Hospice**. I will hopefully be walking from Wye to Dover, a distance of 55 kilometres.

My son Jim will be accompanying me. This will mean enduring all the weather that an English Summer climate can throw at us together with the problems that altitude can present in walking on the high Kent North Downs plus of course walking through Canterbury.

Now the business part. I am looking for people to sponsor me in order to raise money for this wonderful organisation we have in East Kent. If you could spare a few pounds for this cause please contact me at Sujim, Plumstone Road, Acol, or telephone 845217. Alternatively, I have a **Just Giving** page at William Yeoman. Thanking you all in anticipation.

Remember - it's far less trouble to lose pounds by sponsoring than by dieting.

Bill Yeoman

WARNINGS TO RESIDENTS

Cold callers are Targeting Kent Residents

We have received reports of residents in Riverhead, Sevenoaks being cold called by individuals claiming to be part of an ex-offender scheme and selling gardening and household items.

How it works:

- Please be aware that ex offenders will never be asked to cold call as part of any ex-offender or prison release scheme.
- Doorstep criminals call on unsuspecting households offering convincing deals to try to get you to agree to have work carried out or buy goods.

What to do:

- Do not open the door to the doorstep cold caller.
- Do not trade on your doorstep. Just say No.
- Warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.
- If you need home repairs carried out use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, run in partnership with Checkatrade
- **If you feel afraid or threatened by a doorstep caller, phone 999.**

Holiday Scam

More than 5,000 people were victims of holiday booking fraud last year, their total losses amounting to seven million pounds. Airline and online accommodation were the main targets

How it works

- A Kent family booked a villa in Mallorca with a company that also arranged transfers.
- Alarm bells rang when no transfer driver was waiting for them at Palma airport.
- They eventually took a taxi to "their" villa to find out that the property owner did not rent out his home and had no knowledge of their "booking".
- The family eventually found another villa to rent but were now £8000 out of pocket.
- The family's bank is trying to retrieve the money from the fraudster's Spanish bank based in Madrid but there is no guarantee of success.

To help protect yourself:

- Check customer reviews - review and research thoroughly.
- Look out for companies that are members of professional bodies such as ABTA.
- Be wary of paying a private individual by bank transfer.
- Paying by credit card will offer you much more protection from fraud.
- Trust your instincts, don't get rushed into making impulsive decisions.

MINSTER SURGERY

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

10th Annual Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 23rd November - Don't miss it!

It is always our most popular and Table bookings have already been made so book now to avoid disappointment.

PRESCRIPTIONS AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES (OTC)

NHS England has published guidance to reduce prescribing medicines or treatments that are readily available to buy over the counter. This means that some medications will no longer be available on prescription, even if you are entitled to free prescriptions. All patients effected by these changes will be notified individually in due course.

Also, if you seek advice from a Doctor for a common condition, such as a cough, cold, sore throat etc. you will be referred to your local pharmacy, where they will be happy to help without the need for an appointment. Obviously, if your symptoms do not improve after a few days you should seek further advice.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

42 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

43 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSE'S APPOINTMENT.

Remember! Don't need it - cancel it. By text. By Phone. It's easy.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR MOBILE NUMBER?

Get appointment reminders and important information sent direct to your phone, then you will never forget!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY.

A total of 101 patients responded last month with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely 91%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely 4%; Unsure/Don't know 5%

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Wed. 5th June, Thurs. 27th June and Wed. 24th July

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for all the family. For Urgent/Life threatening issues, please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in June, or require further information on any of the above, please contact Mary Hodgson on 842764.



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Village Voice has received the following communication from Lorna Proudfoot:

I am the Chairperson of Minster Village Hall Short Mat Bowls Club. We play on a Sunday and Tuesday evening 6 - 9pm. (once a month the Tuesday session gets moved to Wednesday so that the W.I. can have use of the hall). Whilst we are exercising, we are having a lot of laughs. So if you are fed up with the TV on either of these evenings please come and give us a try, all ages welcome. Half way through the evening we stop for tea/coffee and biscuit and natter. Three hours of exercise a good laugh and tea and biscuit all for £2.50. We are not professionals we only play for fun. A few new faces would be more than welcome. Please either come to the hall or contact me by e-mail lornap821@gmail.com

Editors Note:

PLEASE PASS ON THIS EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE to any friends from outside the village who might be interested in knowing what is going on in Acol.

Non-residents of Acol can become subscribers to the Village Voice at the cost of £7.50 for 12 editions, the charge covers the cost of printing and posting to a nominated address.

Advertising

For a box advertisement of about 8cm x 9cm the cost is £10 for inclusion in 3 editions, £15 for 6 editions and £25 for 12 editions.

Please place contributions to Village Voice in the post box on the wall of the Village Hall (by the main door) or e-mail to inchley@btinternet.com

This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Iris Osborne in memory of her husband, Ted, who died on 29th May 2010.

Should you (or your organisation) wish to sponsor an edition, either in memory of a loved one, to commemorate an event or even from a feeling of civic duty(!), please contact me.

Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th July 2019.